Dear Families,

We have been informed by the DOE and the NYS Department of Health that there are new immunization requirements for all students, Grades K-12. Please check with your doctor/clinic to ensure that your child/children have all the required vaccines.

Below is a summary of changes to the School Immunization Requirements for the 2015-16 school year based on NYSDOH amended regulations:

**MMR (grades K-12)**
- 2 doses of measles and mumps vaccines and 1 dose of rubella vaccine (MMR)
  - Required for school entry. For the 2nd dose, obtaining in age range of 4 through 6 is no longer permitted

**DTaP (grades K-12, except 8-12 as noted below)**
- 5 doses of diphtheria and tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and acellular pertussis vaccine (DTaP)
  - Required for school entry. For the 5th dose, obtaining in age range of 4 through 6 years is no longer permitted
  - If 4th dose received at 4 years of age or older, only 4 doses required

**Polio (grades K, 1, 6 and 7 only)**
- 4 doses of poliomyelitis vaccine (IPV)
  - Required for school entry. For the 4th dose, obtaining in age range of 4 through 6 years is no longer permitted
  - If 3rd dose received at 4 years of age or older, only 3 doses required

**Polio (grades 2-5, 8-12)**
- 3 doses

*Changes to Grades 8 through 12 School Entrance immunization Requirements*
- Students enrolling in grades 8 through 12 in the 2015-16 school year are in this cohort.
- Must meet immunization requirements of regulations in effect prior to July 1, 2014
- Do not need to have intervals assessed for immunizations
- Students are compliant for 2015-2016 through graduation, if they meet requirements in effect June 30, 2014 which were:
  - DTaP/DPT 3 doses
  - Tdap 1 dose
  - Polio 3 doses
  - MMR 2 doses, or 2 doses of measles, 1 dose of mumps and 1 dose of rubella
  - Hep B 3 doses

The attached form may be helpful.

Any questions, please email Tatiana at: THoover2@schools.nyc.gov
# New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance

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<th>School (k-12)</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Diphtheria Toxoid-Containing Vaccine</strong></td>
<td>3 doses (New York City Schools – 4 doses)</td>
<td>3 doses (New York City schools – 4 doses – required for kindergarten only)</td>
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<td><strong>Tetanus Toxoid-Containing Vaccine and Pertussis Vaccine (DTaP, DTP)</strong></td>
<td>3 doses if born on or after 1/1/2005</td>
<td>3 doses if born on or after 1/1/2005 or 1 dose of Tdap for previously unvaccinated students 7 years of age or older</td>
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<td><strong>Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis Booster (Tdap)</strong></td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Born on or after 1/1/1994 and enrolling in grades 6 through 12 for the 2013-2014 school year</td>
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<td><strong>Polio (IPV or OPV)</strong></td>
<td>3 doses</td>
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<td><strong>Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)</strong></td>
<td>1 dose</td>
<td>2 doses of measles-containing vaccine and 1 dose each of mumps and rubella (preferably as MMR)</td>
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<td><strong>Hepatitis B</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)</strong></td>
<td>3 doses if less than 15 months of age or 1 dose administered on or after 15 months of age</td>
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<td><strong>Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV)</strong></td>
<td>Born on or after 1/1/2008 4 doses by 15 months of age, given at age-appropriate times and intervals</td>
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<td><strong>Varicella (Chickenpox)</strong></td>
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1 Demonstrated serologic evidence of either measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B or varicella antibodies is acceptable proof of immunity to these diseases. Diagnosis by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner that a child/student has had measles, mumps, or varicella diseases is acceptable proof of immunity to those diseases.

2 Children in a Pre-kindergarten setting should be age appropriately immunized. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

3 Please note at this time that New York State requires 3 doses of diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine (New York City requires 4 doses for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten only) and three doses of polio vaccine for entry into kindergarten and for any student entering a school in New York State for the first time. However, ACIP recommends 4 doses of diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine by age 18 months and 5 doses by age 4-6 years of age. Children 4-6 years of age should receive 4 doses of polio vaccine unless the 3rd dose is given after 4 years of age.

4 DTaP is the vaccine currently recommended for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis. Three doses of pertussis-containing vaccine are required for students 6 years of age or younger. One dose of Tdap is required for students 7 years of age or older who have not previously received 3 doses of DTaP.

5 Students enrolling in grades 6 through 12 includes students who are entering, repeating or transferring into grades 6 through 12 and students who are enrolling in gradeless classes and are the age equivalent of grades 6 through 12. Children ages 7-10 who have not been adequately vaccinated with DTP/DTaP, and for whom no contraindications exist, should receive a single dose of Tdap.

6 The New York State Department of Health’s Bureau of Immunization concurs with the ACIP which recommends that vaccine doses administered up to 4 days before the minimum interval or 12 months of age for measles, mumps, rubella and varicella be counted as valid.

7 Hepatitis B – For students in grades 7-12, 3 doses of Recombivax HB or Engerix-B are required, except for those students who received 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) which are recommended for children 11-15 years old.

8 Four doses of Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) are recommended by 15 months or more of age, however only 3 doses are required for day-care entry. If a child enters a day care on or after 15 months of age, and has not received 3 doses of Hib vaccine, only one dose on or after 15 months of age is required.

9 Unvaccinated children 7-11 months of age should receive 2 doses, at least 4 weeks apart, followed by a 3rd dose at age 12-15 months. Unvaccinated children 12-23 months of age should receive 2 doses of vaccine at least 8 weeks apart. Previously unvaccinated children 24-59 months of age should receive only 1 dose. PCV13 is the preferred vaccine for use in healthy unvaccinated/partially vaccinated children 2-71 months of age. A single supplemental dose of PCV13 is recommended for children 14-59 months who have already completed the age appropriate series of PCV7.

10 Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine are recommended for all students, but not required for school entry.

For further information contact: New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Immunization, Room 649, Corning Tower ESP, Albany, NY 12237, (518) 473-4437.

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